

FARMERS SLAVES TO THIS TRUST.

Ex-Senator O'Donnell Denounces the National Harrow Company.

PROFITS ARE FABULOUS.

Will Arraign It Before Lexow as More Extortionate Than the Sugar Combine.

SWALLOWS ALL SMALL CONCERNS.

Absolutely Controls the Trade, He Declares, and Has Raised the Price to an Exorbitant Figure.

A more extortionate, wider reaching trust than the Sugar Trust! A trust with its monopolistic tentacles fastened on the farmers throughout the country! Set does ex-Senator J. O'Donnell, former Railroad Commissioner, and for twenty years a member of the New York Legislature, denounce the National Harrow Company. The company's main office and works are at Utica. Within the last ten years, says ex-Senator O'Donnell, it has practically swallowed every small manufacturer in the United States and has bought up nearly every new and valuable invention. No farmer so poor, he declares, but he must pay his tribute to this inexorable concern.

Mr. O'Donnell, whose office is at No. 143 Chambers street, is preparing to arraign the trust before Senator Lexow. He will then declare the profits of the National Harrow Company to exceed in proportion to the amount invested the profits of the Sugar Trust.

And the Farmer Pays.

"The dividends paid by this trust yearly," said he yesterday, "are something enormous, and they all come out of the pocket of the farmer. There is not a harrow in this country that can be worked without a harrow, and there is not a farmer who dares buy a harrow from any other than a company controlled by the trust."

"Five years ago Dr. A. R. Gebbie, of Louisville, N. Y., invented a new harrow, and with \$50,000, which he had saved, he managed to put it on the market. He was the first to do so. The trust learned of this and notified the doctor that he must discontinue the harrow, claiming he had infringed on their rights. The two harrows were submitted to me, and as Dr. Gebbie's was of an entirely new principle, I advised him to go ahead with the manufacture and sale. This he did.

"Finding themselves beaten at one game, the members of the combine took a new and more effective tactic. They sent out circulars to the farmers of the United States, notifying them that Dr. Gebbie had infringed on their patent, and that any one who used his implement would be subject to prosecution.

"Now, the average farmer is as afraid of a lawsuit as he is of a green goods man, and so in this Dr. Gebbie was driven out of the business.

Stronger After Defeat.

"Not only have been instituted against the trust, and while the courts in almost every instance have decided against it, the high-handed measures taken by it have driven its foes one by one out of the field.

"Only a few weeks ago Hensch & Dromgold, of York, Pa., in attempting to free themselves from a contract made with the National Harrow Company, appeared before the Supreme Court. The decision handed down was that the trust was an illegal corporation, and hence could not enforce its contracts. Almost at the same time a decision was rendered in Elmira, this State, when the Clipper Chilled Plow Company brought a similar suit. adverse decisions only spurred the trust on, however, and it is stronger to-day than ever.

"Through its absolute control of the trade the farmer is compelled to pay \$5 on each and every harrow he buys, more than he would otherwise. The retail price is \$10, \$12 and \$14, and the best should never sell for more than \$7. When the trust's contracts are enforced, there are five companies in it—one in New York, one in Geneva, two in Michigan and one in Buffalo—but since then dozens of others have been driven out of the market.

"I am going into the matter fully, and when I have gathered all my facts I shall ask the Senate committee to make a most rigid examination."

MEN OF NOTE PASS AWAY.

Death Claims Galen R. Hitt, of Albany, and Professor Dahl, of Chicago University.

Albany, March 11.—Galen R. Hitt, a prominent criminal lawyer and Democratic politician, died here this morning of apoplexy. He at one time represented one of the Albany districts in the Assembly. Mr. Hitt was the principal counsel for the defense in the famous "Ban" Shea murder trial in Troy in 1894.

Chicago, March 11.—Professor Carl Dahl, professor of the Scandinavian languages at the University of Chicago, died last night at the Chicago Hospital. Professor Dahl came to the University of Chicago in the fall of 1894 from Yale, where he had held a position similar to the one he was called to fill at Chicago. He was a native of Sweden and came to this country at an early age. He received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Yale in 1891.

STARS TO SING IN CHURCH.

Members of Mapleson's Opera Company at St. Joachim's High Mass.

Several of the leading members of the Mapleson company, including Mrs. Scatchell, have consented to sing on Sunday morning at the celebration of solemn high mass in St. Joachim's Catholic Church, No. 26 Roosevelt street. Father Francis Beecher, pastor of the church, yesterday received assurances from the singers that they would be present. The programme will be as follows:

Duet (Soprano and Alto).....Rosini

Mrs. Scatchell and Mrs. Tinslang.....Rosini

Ave Maria.....Mme. Alberti

Pieta Signora.....Stradella

Chorus (Soprano and Alto).....Rosini

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